

27. (NEW) The floor mat of claim 26, wherein said sound-generating device is a piezoelectric flat panel speaker.

28. (NEW) The floor mat of claim 25, wherein said sound-generating device is coupled to a speech recognition device.

29. (NEW) The floor mat of claim 28, wherein said speech recognition device is configured to process an utterance to cause said sound-generating device to generate an audible response to said utterance.

 30. (NEW) A system comprising:

✓ a cleaning device for cleaning the soles of a person's shoes;  
a modifiable electronic display associated with said cleaning device; and  
a sound-generating device associated with said electronic display.

31. (NEW) The system of claim 30, wherein said sound-generating device generates an audible message corresponding to a message displayed on said display.

32. (NEW) The system of claim 30, further comprising a speech recognition device coupled to said display and said sound-generating device, for processing an utterance to cause said display to generate a corresponding visible message and said sound-generating device to generate a corresponding audible message.

33. (NEW) The system of claim 32, wherein said speech recognition device is wirelessly coupled to said display and said sound-generating device.

34. (NEW) The system of claim 32, further comprising a sound-sensing device for receiving said utterance.

35. (NEW) A system comprising:

a cleaning device for cleaning the soles of a person's shoes;

a modifiable electronic display associated with said cleaning

device;

and a sound-sensing device associated with said electronic display.--

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